
MEMBERS EXCUSED: Henry Thomas.

Trustee Steven Marcus called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

Attempts to connect to Mr. Henry Thomas via teleconference were made.

Ms. Ron’na Lytle entered the meeting at 9:09 AM.

MOTION made by Edward Welsh, seconded by Trustee Perez to accept the minutes from the January 6, 2015 Presidential Search Advisory Committee meeting. Motion passed unanimously.

An update on reference checks for Diversified Search was provided. Contacts were very pleased with Diversified Search and had nothing but positive things to say.

Attempts to connect to Mr. Henry Thomas via teleconference were made until 9:25 AM.

Committee members expressed concern with Mr. Thomas and his attendance. Issues with attendance need to be discussed with the full board who will then determine what action, if any, will be taken.

The Executive Committee approved the selection of Diversified Search as the firm to oversee the presidential search for Westfield State University on January 15, 2015. The Executive Committee will bring their decision to the full board for ratification on February 5, 2015. Dr. Kimberly Tobin, Vice President for Administration and Finance, and Mr. Christopher Raymond, Director for Procurement and Administrative Services, will be working with Diversified Search in completing a contract for services.
Forums moderated by Diversified Search will be conducted February 11-12, 2015. The timeline for the search will be evolving throughout the process. Adjustments will be made as necessary. Emphasis will not be on the timeline but rather on finding the right candidate.

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 AM.